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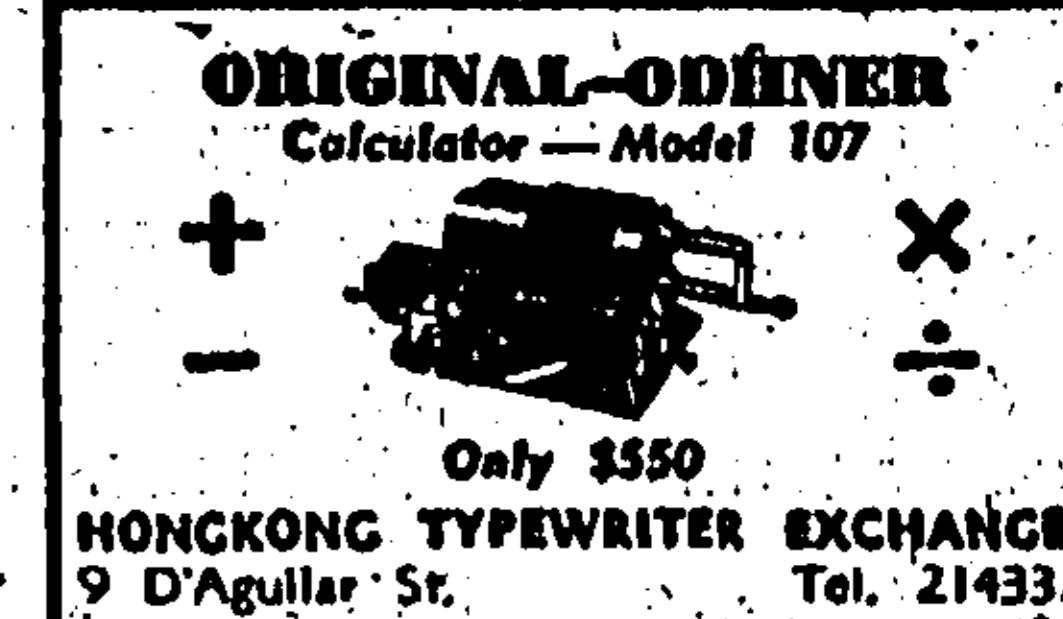
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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Invitation

MLANEL'S overtures to the Vietminh to make a reasonable offer that would lead to a cease-fire in Indo-China does not come as a complete surprise. Quite a few hints of a similar nature have been made publicly in Paris during recent months, but the importance of M. Laniel's speech to the French Assembly lies in the fact that the proposal becomes invested with authority. From the purely military viewpoint the French Premier possesses fairly good reasons for expecting a favourable reaction from the Vietminh. As in Korea, the fighting in Indo-China has become stalemated. The rebels are in no position to mount an offensive that could bring them a decisive victory in the field and likewise the French Union forces have to restrict themselves to sporadic assaults designed chiefly to consolidate existing positions. Neither side, therefore, can at the moment demand or expect unconditional capitulation. On the other hand it is conceivable that the Vietminh rebels view the situation in a completely different light; that it suits their purpose to pursue indefinitely an indecisive military campaign. A fundamental aim of all insurgent movements is to cause disruption, chaos, anxiety and fear. In maintaining the conflict in Indo-China even on the present limited lines, the Communist-led rebels are to some degree achieving this.

DEADLOCKED ASSEMBLY

Paris, Nov. 25. Premier Joseph Laniel woke President Vincent Auriol at 2 o'clock this morning in an attempt to find a way out of the deadlock in the National Assembly over the European Army treaty.

Shortly afterwards the full Cabinet proceeded to a meeting of the Council of Ministers under the chairmanship of President Auriol.

Faced with the impossibility, after nine hours of discussions between party leaders, of finding an agreed form of words to express the attitude of the Assembly to the European Army treaty, Premier Laniel decided to invite his Ministers to authorise him to put a motion of confidence of a resolution to be drawn up by the Government.

This means, in case of defeat of the Government

- (1) That there would be a Cabinet crisis, and
- (2) That under the Constitution the way would be clear for a dissolution of Parliament and new general elections.—Reuter.

RESOLUTIONS

Paris, Nov. 24. When the French National Assembly reconvened tonight for the crucial debate on the European Defence Community, M. Alfred Castel-Floret, representing the MRP (Christian Democrats) announced that his party was withdrawing its foreign policy motion in favour of the Socialist motion, which also approves the European Defence Community under certain conditions.

Another resolution, supporting the statements of the Premier, M. Joseph Laniel, was also introduced by M. Joseph Denais, Republican member of the Assembly.

Later, an independent Republican, M. Jean-Louis Vigier, introduced a resolution asking the government to bring in legislation limiting the duration of the National Assembly's powers to January 3, 1954. This move was recommended, Vigier stated, because no sufficiently broad parliamentary majority could be obtained under present conditions to define and support a French foreign policy.

STATEMENT APPROVED. A group of National Assemblymen, representing the Peasant Party, also introduced a resolution asking the government to hold us for-reaching international negotiations as possible on the basis of M. Laniel's statement in the Assembly earlier today.

The resolution expressed satisfaction with the Premier's statement and it approved his support

TORY MPs IN MINOR REVOLT

London, Nov. 24. Several Conservative backbenchers in the House of Commons staged a minor revolt against Sir Winston Churchill today on the subject of soldiers' and officers' pensions for World War I.

They had the support of almost the whole of the Labour Party, and Sir Winston was taken somewhat by surprise by the strength of the backbenchers against the government's decision not to increase these pensions.

He said that he recognised the hardships involved, particularly to us officers' pensions granted in 1919 had not been altered since 1935, when they were reduced as part of the economy drive of the day. However, Sir Winston said that he could not raise the officers' pensions without raising those of the high-ranking civil servants, who were also the victims of the increased cost of living.

His statement that after much consideration, "it would not be possible to treat this problem as a special case at a time when so many demands are pressing" created an uproar on all sides of the House.

Conservative and Labour members alike felt that something should be done in view of the small amount involved (£200,000 per year) for 300 officers.—France-Press.

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McCarthy Invents A New Word

New York, Nov. 25. Senator Joseph McCarthy (Republican, Wisconsin) last night invented the word "Trumanism" to define what he called "the placing of your political party above the interest of the country."—Reuter.

Murder Drama In South Wales



The search for a farmer and his wife who had been missing for several weeks ended last week when the bodies of John and Phoebe Harries, who had been murdered, were found in a shallow grave eight miles from Liangning. Top picture shows the murdered couple. Centre, hundreds of farmers who helped in the search being briefed by the police. Above, Harry Harries (left) and a friend set off with their canoes to search a nearby river.—Daily Express photos.

Troops' Entertainment: House Of Commons Plea

London, Nov. 24. Miss Elaine Burton, a Labour Member of Parliament, suggested today that the War Office should reserve places of entertainment in Tokyo for British soldiers serving in Korea to go to when leave.

She said the British rates of pay were "considerably below" that of other members and they could not take full advantage of leave in Japan.

Mr Anthony Head, Minister of War, said he had examined this suggestion with sympathy.

He well knew, the differing rates of pay, but the cost of living in Tokyo had been correspondingly high. "Our men should be able to afford and indeed take a good leave in Japan," he said.

As for places of entertainment, he said he thought Miss Burton might have night clubs

in mind, but those on the spot did not favour this suggestion.

Miss Burton said: "Night clubs in Tokyo are not similar to night clubs in this country. There is a feeling among correspondents out there that our men are not able to take full advantage of their leave. Will you look into the matter once more?"

Mr Head said he would. "I understand the differentiation about the night clubs, but as regards night places there is a good deal arranged by the Women's Voluntary Service and other organisations."—Reuter.

Censure Motion Approved

New York, Nov. 24. The United Nations Security Council tonight approved by nine votes to nothing, with two abstentions, the Western powers' resolution calling for the "strongest censure" of Israel for the attack on the Jordan village of Qibya on October 14.

Lebanon and the Soviet Union abstained.

Just before the vote the three Western Powers—Britain, France and the United States—inserted a new provision into their resolution.

This provided that when Major-General Vagn Bennike, Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organisation, reported back within three months on the compliance with an enforcement of the general armistice agreement, he take into account "any agreement reached in pursuance of the request by the Government of Israel for the convocation of a conference under Article 12 of the general armistice agreement between Israel and Jordan."

INCONSISTENT

In passing the resolution the Council found that the retaliatory action at Qibya taken by the armed forces of Israel, and all such actions constitute a violation of the cease-fire provisions of the Security Council resolution of July 15, 1948, and are inconsistent with the parties' obligations under the general armistice agreement and the Charter."

The Council found that the Qibya action could only prejudice the chances of a peaceful settlement between the two countries and called upon Israel to take effective measures to prevent all such actions in the future.

Jordan was requested to continue to strengthen the measures which she was already undertaking to prevent unauthorised crossings into Israel.

The Secretary-General was asked to consider with General Bennike ways of strengthening the Truce Supervision Organisation.

The additional reference in the resolution to the convocation of a conference between the two countries took note of the action by Israel yesterday in invoking Article 12 of the armistice agreement, under which direct talks were mandatory when called for by one party.—Reuter.

DISQUALIFIED

Khartoum, Nov. 24. Abdulla Adam, National Union candidate for Rumbek, in the Southern Sudan, was today disqualified from contesting the elections and fined 100 Egyptian pounds (£102 10/-) by a major court under the Corrupt Practices Order.

Early this month Adam was warned against excessive hospitality to voters. But he ignored the warning and police found 40 gallons of beer in his home.—Reuter.

Chinese & Korean Reds Reach A New Agreement

Tokyo, Nov. 25.

Communist China announced today it has reached "unanimous agreement" with North Korea on the settlement of the entire Korean question. But the announcement did not reveal what the agreement provided other than to say the Communists would "not be shaken by any force of reaction."

Peking radio broadcast a dispatch from the Communist newspaper, Peking People's Daily. It said the Korean problem was discussed at a recent 10-day meeting which led to a 10-year economic pact between the two Communist governments.

Peking said China and North Korea "exchanged views first of all on the convening of the political conference to seek a peaceful settlement of the Korean question."

Although the Communist announcement was sketchy at best, observers here interpreted it as meaning that the two Communist governments would strongly oppose neutral unification of Korea as proposed by the United Nations.

The Allied prisoners at present are all held in one compound and if they are not broken up and only five officers are used in interviews, each officer will have to talk to 70 men day.

Communist political officers who had 22,400 anti-Communist POWs to interview have a staff of 158 officers.

The Communists used about 100 officers a day. In handling the prison compound groups of 500 men. This gave them time to concentrate on each prisoner and the Allies are expected to demand the same privileges.

The Neutral Nations Commission—three "neutral" nations and two Communist members—will have to decide perhaps today what shall be done for the UN Command in setting up interviews.—United Press.

TWO PROBLEMS

Panmunjom, Nov. 23. The Allies must solve two difficult problems, authoritative Western sources said today, before they can attempt to win back UN prisoners, including 22 Americans who have chosen Communism to freedom.

There were no interviews with the unrepatriated anti-Communist and pro-Communist prisoners on Tuesday. The UN Command said there will be no prisoner interviews on Thursday.

The Korean peace conference arrangement negotiations also were bogged down again yesterday and while there is a meeting scheduled for 11 a.m. today, Western observers said there was little hope of progress.

The interview programme with unrepatriated prisoners was blocked by Communist demands to interview the balky North Korean and Chinese anti-Communist prisoners. One of the Allies problems is based on a commission ground rule to which the Communists also object, the Western sources said.

The Reds want to interview part of a compound of anti-Communist POWs if necessary on a given day. This permits the Reds to prolong the individual talks to prisoners.

The United Nations also wants to break up the prisoner compound groups. The truce agreement provides that the Allies can send only five officers to interviews aimed at winning back the 22 Americans, a Briton.

New Threat To London

London, Nov. 24.

London, the world's largest city, free of smog for several days, today faced another threat as a plague of flies—of the Collops Bridida variety—were advancing on the capital at a speed of about eight miles a week.

This was claimed by Mr Howard Johnson, MP in the House of Commons today.

Mr Johnson said that the flies, millions strong, were now infesting the seaweed-covered beaches of southern England and he suggested that the Army should be called in to clean up the seaweed.

The War Minister, Mr Anthony Head, replied that it was highly probable that the fly-infested seaweed would be swept out to sea with the next gales.—France-Press.

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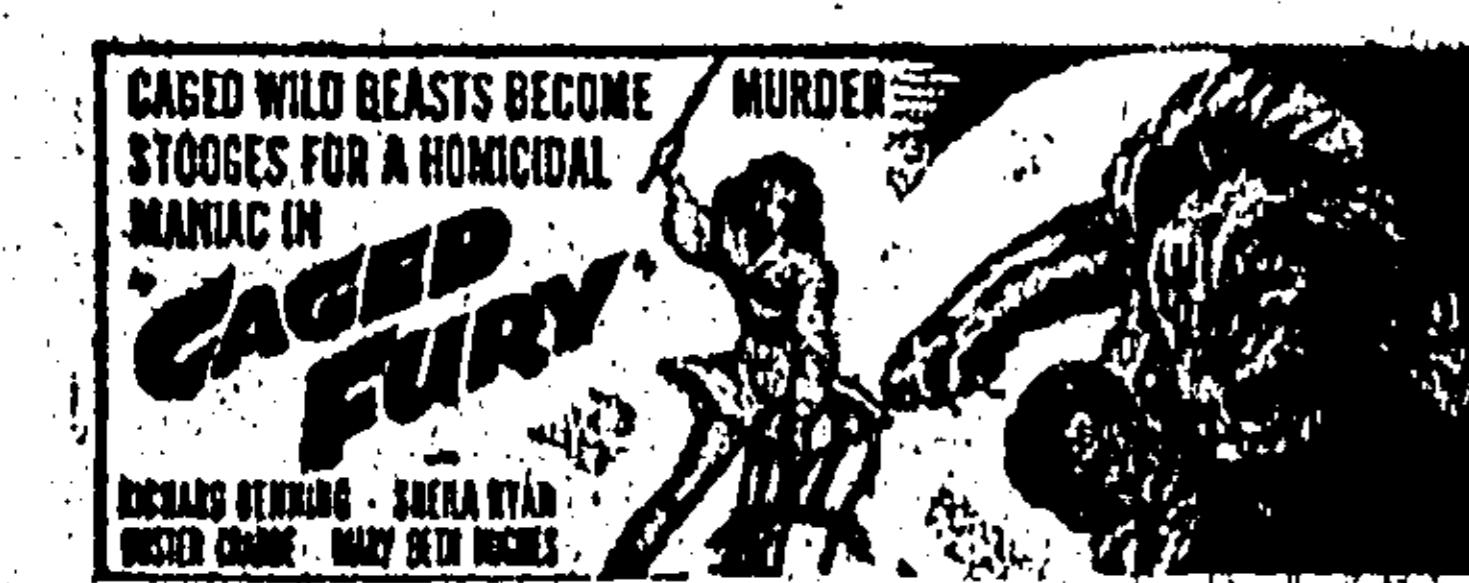
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27 Japanese Generals In Soviet Prison Camp Seen In Red Cross Visit

A Japanese Red Cross delegation today talked with 27 Japanese generals in a Soviet prison camp, among them General Otozo Yamada, Commander of the Japanese Manchurian Army which surrendered to the Russians at the end of the war.

Yamada, who is serving a 25-year sentence for war crimes, was described by the delegation as in good health. With Yamada were 26 generals, six senior officers below the rank of general and five soldiers.

They included General Jun Ushirogi and Lieutenant-General Masatake Shina.

The Japanese delegation, led by Tadatoshi Shimizu, President of the Japanese Red Cross Society, visited the prisoners after a 12-hour journey from Moscow.

A delegation spokesman quoted General Yamada as saying "we are in good condition and in good health. We want only more gift parcels from Japan."

General Ushirogi said "we want more books to read and I wish the Japanese Red Cross could arrange it for us."

The camp which the delegation visited today was 20 miles from Ivanovo, a textile town 250 miles northeast of Moscow.

The Japanese prisoners were accommodated in a red wooden building where they slept four to each room.

The trip was arranged by the Russians after a delegation had negotiated the release of 1,273 Japanese from the Soviet Union.

LONG SENTENCES

The 38 Japanese they saw today are all serving long sentences, namely 25 years, for war crimes and will not be freed until they have completed their sentence.

The delegates were given all facilities and spent all day with the Japanese detainees.

The whereabouts of General Yamada and other top-ranking Japanese prisoners was unknown until today's visit.

Mr Taduo Kudo, Director of Foreign Affairs of the Japanese Red Cross, said: "We saw they were in good health and they said they were well treated. We were also gratified to have been given the opportunity to visit the

camp on the memorable occasion."

He said the delegation's impression was that the prisoners were all in good health.

Several of the prisoners were serving 25 years' sentences, but the delegation did not know how much longer they had to serve and the visitors also did not know exactly when the prisoners had been sentenced.

The prisoners of the Ivanovo camp are not included in a group of 420 Japanese war criminals who have either completed their sentences or been granted an amnesty by a decision of the Supreme Soviet of the Soviet Supreme Court.

This group of 420 plus 300 civilian criminals will leave the Soviet part of Nahodka for Japan shortly. The Japanese Red Cross ship, Koen Maru, is due at Nahodka on Saturday to embark them after 8 years in Soviet camps.

The names of these repatriates will not be known until the Russians hand over a list to the ship's captain.

DOUBLE FENCE

The delegation which left Moscow by rail yesterday was accompanied by two Soviet Red Cross officials and a captain of the Soviet Internal Affairs Ministry (MVD).

When they arrived at Ivanovo station, they were taken on to a car for an hour and a half journey until they reached the camp in the village of Zerentsev.

The delegation said that they had been "cordially received" by the camp commander.

They said the camp was enclosed by a double fence of barbed wire. The Japanese detention block was close to this fence, while the prisoners had the use of a clock and sick bay in the adjoining block occupied by the Germans.

When the delegation returns to Moscow on Wednesday, they will make plans for their immediate departure for Tokyo by air via Stockholm, Geneva and Rome.

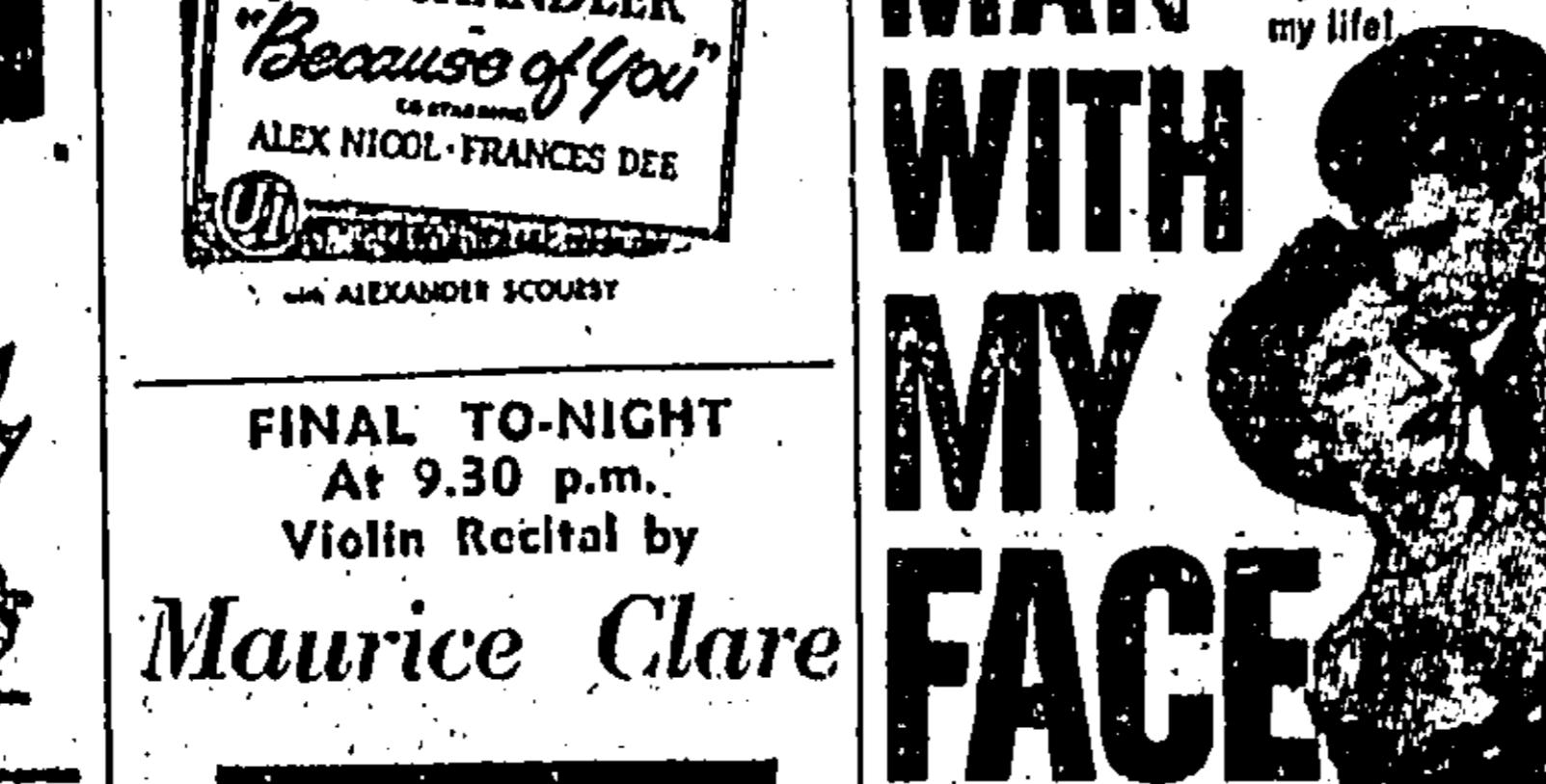
Before they go, they will ask the Soviet Red Cross for two key questions:

1. How many Japanese civilian criminals will remain in the Soviet Union after the forthcoming repatriation of 810 Japanese and the release of a subsequent group of 404?

2. How many Japanese criminals have been transferred by Russia to China to serve sentences for crimes committed in China.—Reuter.

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HUMILIATING TACTICS

Adlai Stevenson Condemns Republican Action

Degrading Assault On Mr. Truman In Dexter White Case

Georgiana, Atlanta, Nov. 24.

Mr Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic Party standard bearer, said today that the Republicans had "humiliated" the nation before the world by "waving . . . the red shirt" of the Harry Dexter White case in a "degrading assault on President Truman."

"It was by this identical tactic of smearing the Democratic Party as the party of disloyalty that the Republican Party kept itself in power for a generation after the civil war," Mr Stevenson told a joint session of the Georgia Legislature.

Mr Stevenson said that the Republicans, in injecting the White case into the 1954 Congressional election campaigns, would make it harder for President Eisenhower to gain further Democratic support in Congress.

"I am proud of the Democratic record in the last Congress and nobody should be more thankful than the President [Mr Eisenhower]," Mr Stevenson said. "Democrats supported the Administration when they thought it was right. It will be harder now after this degrading assault on President Truman."

Mr Stevenson said that the Republicans, by raising the "loyalty" issue in the promotion of White after the FBI reported that he was spying was "identical" to the Party's tactics in the reconstruction days.

"Then they called it 'waving a bloody shirt,'" Mr Stevenson said, "and they cling to political power even when their policies were corrupt, reactionary and bankrupt."

"And now divided, they are not the 'bloody shirt' but the 'red shirt' aimed at a former President of the United States who has done more than any living man to check the forward thrust of Communism."

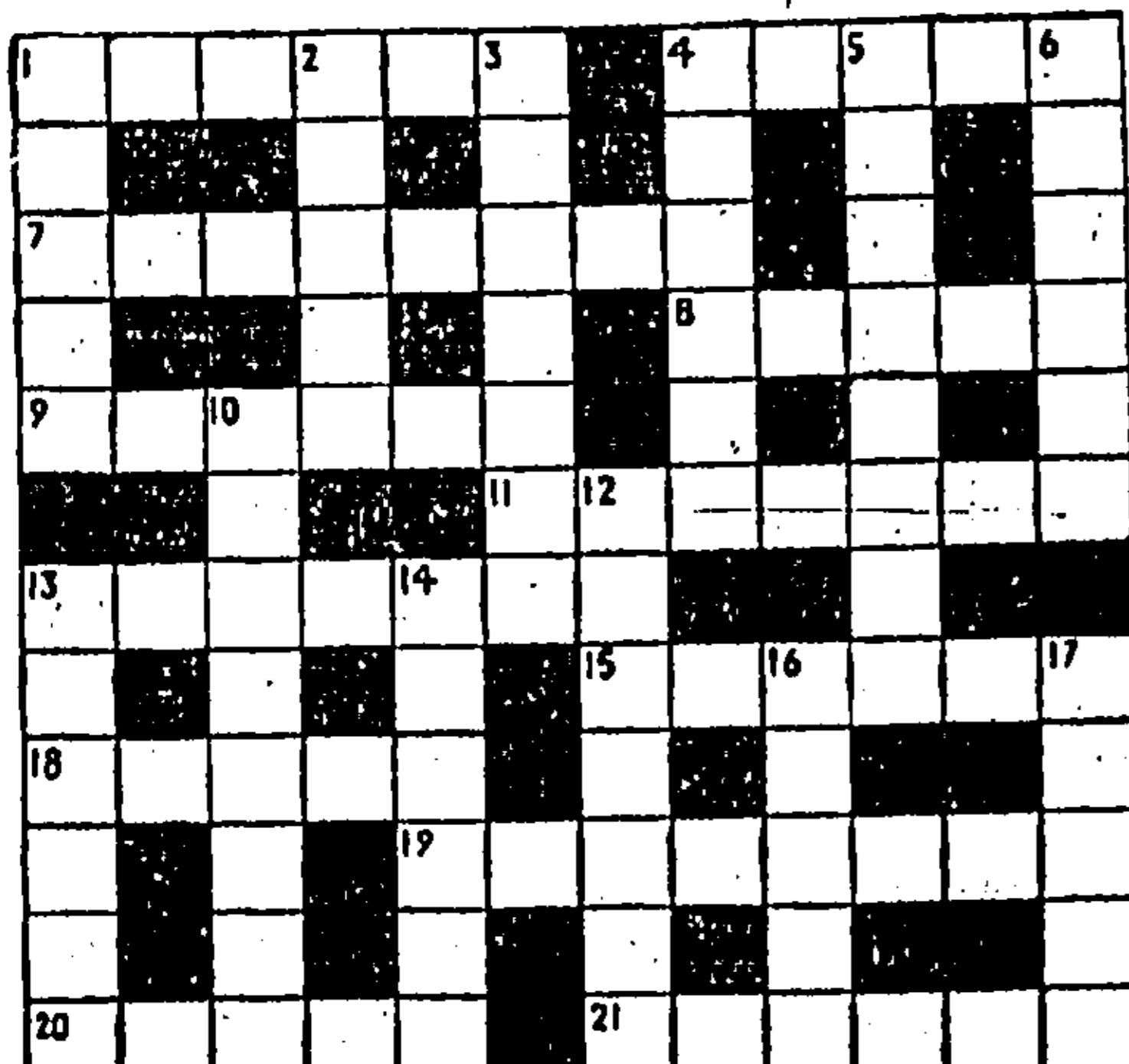
DO IT WITH DIGNITY

Mr Stevenson said that Mr Truman's "recitation" to the free world restored its will power against stubborn Republican opposition most of the way" against a series of "bold decisions."

Mr Stevenson said he favoured disclosing the "mistakes and failures of the past" in efforts to root out the agents of the worldwide Communist conspiracy.

"But for the love of heaven let us do it with dignity, objectivity and justice and with some better motive than partisanship that can only seriously weaken the United States in its mortal struggle to humanity," France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Restaurant attendant (6).
- 2 Antic (6).
- 3 Animal (8).
- 4 Bore (5).
- 5 Respectable (6).
- 11 Values highly (7).
- 13 Fruit course (7).
- 15 Indifference (6).
- 16 Acknowledge (6).
- 19 Closely acquainted (6).
- 20 Military operation (5).
- 21 Evaded (6).
- 22 Produce (6).

DOWN

- 1 District of Southern England (5).
- 2 Subject (5).
- 3 Fowl (7).
- 4 Believe (6).
- 5 Contide (6).
- 6 Plunders (6).
- 10 Material (6).
- 12 Begun (7).
- 13 Reinforcements (6).
- 14 Complete (6).
- 18 Equipped (6).
- 19 Produce (6).
- 20 Dilutes (6).
- 21 Assure (6).
- 22 Snuggle (7).
- 23 Damp (6).
- 24 Ever (6).
- 25 Testis (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Airlin, 4 Rivalry, 8 Malm, 9 Crab, 10 Springs, 11 Lake, 12 Fad, 14 Snuggle, 17 Amass, 19 Valse, 22 Support, 20 Seer, 27 Reds, 28 Dilutes, 29 Used, 30 Stem, 31 Deserts, 32 Eyes. Down: 2 Stream, 3 Ambles, 4 Risks, 5 Impend, 6 Aping, 7 Regal, 12 Fans, 13 Damp, 15 Gale, 16 Ever, 18 Arrest, 20 Assume, 21 Severe, 23 Unit, 24 Plume, 25 Testis.



Queen Juliana of the Netherlands opening the fourth general assembly of the World Veterans' Federation in the Hall of Knights at The Hague. The assembly accepted the applications for membership of the German Federation of War Disabled and the central organisation for Austrian War Veterans. The Women's Royal Naval Service Organisation was also accepted. The membership of the Austrians was adopted unanimously but the Israel delegation voted against acceptance of the Germans while Luxembourg abstained from voting. (Express Photo).

Americans Pose Dilemma Of The Food Problem

Rome, Nov. 24.

The United States said tonight she is anxious to find ways of using her available food stocks to help feed the world's hungry, but she wants to avoid interference in normal trade.

"We in the United States are aware of the concerns of other countries over our accumulating commodity stocks," Mr John H. Davis, American Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, told the current conference of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) here.

He said the United States increased her farm output 40 per cent during and after the last war.

"Most of this was for the purpose of meeting the war and post-war needs of other countries when their own production was inadequate and their own sources of supply were cut off."

"Now production in most importing countries has become more adequate and many exporting countries have increased their production to new high levels."

"The result is that today our productive capacity exceeds our needs."

BEST ANSWER

"Fundamentally we believe that the productive capacity of American agriculture is an asset to the world. We are convinced that the best answer to present farm problems is in the direction of greater outlets rather than shrinking the productive capacity of exporting countries."

"The United States is anxious to find ways of using its available stocks to improve the living standards of hungry people."

"At the same time we are equally desirous of not interfering with normal markets and normal channels of trade."

"In the future, as in the past, we shall continue to welcome opportunities of discussing such matters with representatives of other governments."

Mr Davis declared that efforts of member countries to increase their production would be of little avail unless marketing facilities are available to move these products into the hands of consumers at the same time returning a fair price to farmers.

"International co-operation under the leadership of FAO can play an important role in helping member countries to achieve this objective," he added.

THE PROBLEM

The International Federation of Agricultural Producers, a non-governmental body representing more than 20,000,000 farmers throughout the world, said recently "while the equilibrium of national and world markets is presently threatened by the accumulation of farm surpluses, it may well be that within a few years the threat will come from the opposite direction."

"Unprofitable farm prices may lead to restricted production insufficient to meet the growing needs of the increasing human population."

The Federation said the United States Commodity Credit Corporation alone holds stocks of foodstuffs valued at 20,000,000,000 dollars.

Director-General Norris E. Dodd, the Director of FAO, referred to the problem of surpluses at the conference earlier today.

BRAZILIAN CLAIM TO HAVE FOUND WHITES WITH A JUNGLE TRIBE

Rio de Janeiro.

Senor Orlando Vilas Boas, a Brazilian authority on Indian tribes living in the heart of the jungle, claims to have discovered two white men and a white woman who were kidnapped when children and have since lived with one of the primitive jungle tribes.

Brazilian ethnologists, who, with Government departments, are investigating his claim, believe that it may be the explanation for the believed existence of "White Indian" tribes.

Vilas Boas, in a report to the Government, said that in his contacts with the Jurunas, a recently pacified tribe living about 60 miles from the Government post of Pimentel Barbosa, on the Xingu River, he had obtained reliable information about two white men and a white woman living as members of one of the most savage Indian tribes in Brazil. He later confirmed the information personally.

This tribe, discovered and recorded by the Government Service for Protection of Indians only a few years ago, is known in its own language as the tribe of Menengronotire. It is believed to belong to the family of Galapo Indians, whose ferocity and aversion to contact with other people were proverbial in Brazil.

Some groups of Galapois now maintain sporadic contact with other tribes, and representatives appear regularly at Government posts to receive tools, food and clothing.

The Menengronotire, however, have never participated in this assistance. So far as is known they are among the most backward tribes in the Continent.

They use no tools and build no huts. Their shelter consists of bushes and shrubbery overlaid with banana leaves.

Until a few years ago they did not use bows and arrows.

Their neighbours, the Jurunas, called them Tshokramse, "men without bows and arrows." More recently, however, they seized this weapon in fights with other tribes and learned its use.

Vilas Boas described the two men as unusually strong, tall, with hair reaching to the region of the hips and beards nearly to the knees.

Both men before Vilas Boas and his men could reach them, but the following day, led by a guide from the Jurunas, he was able to talk with them—as far as my talking was possible with human beings whose capacity of verbal expression is restricted to disconnected ejaculations.

The Juruna guide was told by members of the tribe, including the Chieftains, an old man named Cristo, that the three whites had been kidnapped about 35 years ago when they were babies.

It is believed that they were children of rubber gathering or gold digging families who were massacred by the tribesmen.

Vilas Boas found that the three whites, who wore the same lip ornament as other members of the tribe, had no recollection of any other mode of life. Their intellectual capacity did not appear to be any greater than other members of the tribe. Their ability to use bow and arrow was poor, like the tribesmen.

After making his report in Rio, Vilas Boas has returned to the Pimentel Barbosa post to make further investigations.

"I am greatly interested in learning more about the life of the Menengronotire Indians," he said. "I shall make another excursion soon to where the tribe lives."

"The tribe, I hear, has just moved to a region two days' march from the Von Martius Falls. I expect to learn further details about the three white persons living in their midst."

The range of commodities which Communist China has promised North Korea—coal, cotton, food, machinery and many other capital goods—had surprised officials here as China's own home needs are known to be extensive.

But it was noted that the aid has been promised over a three-year period beginning next year. Reuter.

Bonn Ban On Nationalism

Bonn, Nov. 24.

The West German Federal Parliament decided to introduce legislation in the Bundestag forbidding the publication of any matter intended to provoke nationalist ideas.

This decision followed the recent banning of film on the life of Adolf Hitler entitled "Until the Last Minute," by the Ministry of the Interior.

It was reported that 40 copies of this film were already sold to foreign film distribution companies—France-Press.

Gouzenko had been questioned often enough during the last six or seven years for the Canadian government to know today all that he knew, or thought, Mr Pearson declared. The Canadian Minister for External Affairs added that he hoped a statement to be made in Ottawa on Wednesday, would bring the matter to a conclusion that would prove satisfactory to all concerned—France-Press.

Pearson was speaking as a guest of honour at a lunch given here by the United Nations press. The Canadian Minister for External Affairs pointed out that a full and complete co-operation existed between the United States and Canada on all questions of security.

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The butter distribution was organized by the Ernst Reuter foundation, a relief organization named after the late Burgomaster of Berlin—France-Press.

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Pollitt Sails For India

Southampton, Nov. 24.

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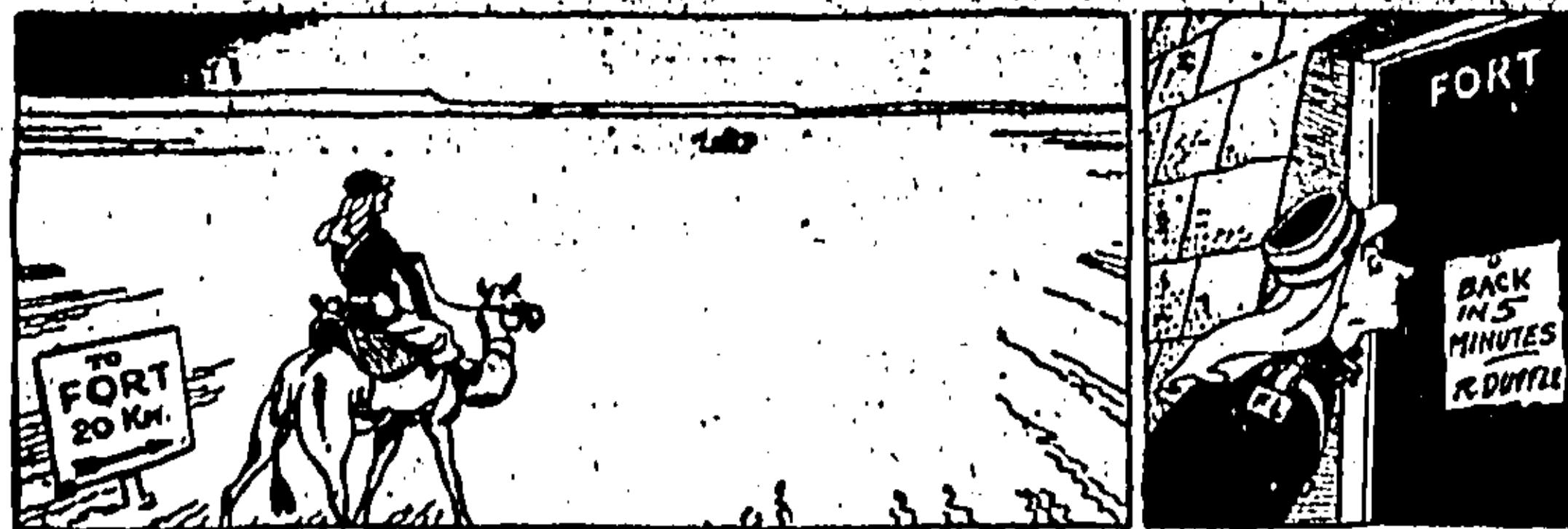
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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Never Give Foe Any Bargains

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN the opponents announce that they intend to make a sacrifice bid, you are foolish to let them have a "bargain." Since they are handing you a blank slate, it is up to you to fill in a nice large amount.

In today's hand the first round of bidding was very informative. East could tell that his partner had heart support and some side strength for the free raise. He quite possibly expected, even probable, that West had a singleton spade since the opponents had bid that suit a vigorously.

It was also probable that West had the ace of clubs and some way of taking care of East's losing diamonds.

It didn't happen, however. East didn't worry himself about possibilities or probabilities. He knew that he wouldn't have to bid again if he wanted to. North had already announced his intention of sacrificing in spades against any high bidder. This was the best bet, what it was, it was "practically impossible" for North to change his mind if East promptly bid a small slam.

East therefore jumped to six hearts with great assurance, a speed that he might have had a spade club, but not daring to take any action. North had no defense against vulnerable slams, and therefore started in by making the bid he had been already promised to make.

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EAST NIGHT'S BOXING

A FEAST OF GOOD FIGHTS IN THE HKABA'S FIRST MAJOR PROMOTION

By OUR BOXING CORRESPONDENT

Boxing on the grand scale came back to the Colony last night and the Hongkong Amateur Boxing Association is to be congratulated on staging this really excellent show at the Southorn Playground.

For the second time in a few weeks local sportsmen have done fine work for the Earl Haig Fund. First our footballers put on a grand show in the annual Poppy Day match and now our boxers have made a truly worthy contribution — worthy of the Earl Haig Fund and worthy of the age old sport of fistfights.

Apart from the actual fight there is always something special about the atmosphere that surrounds a big tournament. Last night the atmosphere was there alright and that peculiar pre-fight tension which is so much an indoor part of the fight game, was in the Southorn Playground all.

Boxing has an intimacy of expectation that is all its own, and one of the great desires of all promoters — whatever the status of the bouts they promote — is to cultivate such an atmosphere in their arena.

By the efficiency of its arrangements the local Amateur Association set the stage perfectly for this show, by the thoroughness of its management it kept it going without a single hitch, and by the careful choice of its boxers it ensured that the public would get a good night's entertainment.

I watched last night's audience with special attention, for with so little boxing taking place in recent times I was interested in their reactions to all that was going on.

They accepted all the necessary early preparations with a sense of snug satisfaction and maybe a little impatience — not with the hard working officials but rather with an edgy anxiety to see the fighters in the ring.

At last, right on the scheduled time, the first of the imposing programme got under way and from that moment until the end of the show we really got our money's worth.

The show had something to please everyone. There was an abundance of action, some very good boxing, hard hitting and a regular ration of thrills.

With the exception of the verdict in the LAC Court and Gnr. Brackley fight, the affliction was very good indeed and of course at the end of every bout no matter the punishment that had been dished out, there was a sportsman's handshake ready on both sides.

THE HIGHLIGHTS

The highlights of the programme were the thrilling meeting of "the masters," Lucas and James, in the eighth bout of the night, the delightful footwork of local boy, Henry Fong, of AB Kirby and SAC McLoughlin, and the remorseless punching and fighting of Pte. Stanley of the Dorsets. What a fighter this boy is going to be!

LAC Lucas set a new fashion for local fight fans by jumping into the ring wearing one of the new hooded dressing gowns that have recently found favour in the professional ring in Britain and America.

His opponent, Csn. James, is well-known to Army fight fans and the meeting of these two accomplished fighters was easily the best bout of the night.

In the first round it seemed to me that James was surprised, and not a little worried, by the class and power of his fast and hard-hitting opponent.

Lucas dictated the fight in these early stages and he looked capable of winning within the distance. Both men took a lot of punishment without giving an inch, but in the second round it was noticeable that James was getting home with punishing blows to the body and it was the alman who was breaking off the close exchanges.

The third round was a cracker and some of the brilliant in-fighting was boxing at its very best. Blows were landed with astonishing speed and power, and if the soldier was now having more of the fight it could not be said that he had subdued his clever opponent.

Major Walker, who refereed this contest, congratulated both

blows have to be struck to win-fights—and while nobody appreciates the finer points of the game more than I, Fong must get on with the job of fighting. He danced in and out of his opponent's defence, he showed delightful footwork, he feinted and shifted with dexterity, but throughout the first round he never landed one single blow.

As his cleverness prevented his opponent from landing one on him, what was expected to be one of highlights of the evening turned out to be a very ordinary contest.

Fong has only himself to blame for his defeat. He had the ability to win but he threw away the fight by adopting the wrong tactics. In the end Johnson was a good winner merely because he contrived to land on the target without all the unnecessary frills of his ultra-clever opponent.

THRILL-FILLED

The final bout of the evening was another thrill-filled affair. AB Baxter (R.N.) was unable to appear and his place was taken by Sqn. Boulter (R.N.). In the light-heavyweight fight with Pte. Stanley, and Baxter really let Boulter in for something.

Stanley's supporters from the Dorsets were in the galleries in large numbers and throughout the evening their war cry was "Walt ill you see our Stanley?" and he was well worth waiting for.

In a grand night there were only three minor criticisms. The microphone in the ring was very poor and in some sections of the arena it was impossible to understand what the MC was saying.

The timid striking of the gong by the timekeepers often caused uncertainty in the ring and finally I was disappointed to find a 40-page programme devoid of editorial matter. This was a great opportunity for the new Association to have publicised its policy and programme, and as this was the very first show it had promoted the programme would have made a most excellent souvenir if it had been worth keeping.

The show produced the evidence that there is a big public for good boxing. This was an excellent effort... It is now up to the association to carry on the good work and satisfy our appetite.

THE GAMBOLES



TO MARRY HER COACH



Britain's Discus Throw Champion, 19-year-old Miss Suzanne Farmer, is to marry her coach, Mr Peter Allday. The wedding takes place at St Michael's Church, Southwick, on December 9. They met at the Helsinki Games where Mr Allday represented Great Britain in the Hammer Throw.

COMBINED SERVICES MASSACRE THE ONCE MIGHTY CLUB

By "PAK LO"

Yesterday evening, in front of Mr P. M. Holman, the 1952 President of the English Rugby Union, a Combined Services team massacred the once mighty Club. Mr Holman had asked for this game to be played in order that he might gain an impression of the standard of Rugger in the Colony.

He will, I fear, leave with very mixed impressions as the Services, who played a fine game throughout, were opposed by the poorest side the Club has ever fielded. This does not mean that the Club was fielding a weak side, in fact it was one of their strongest, but their weak and futile efforts were, to say the least, very disappointing and the final score of 29 points to five in the Combined Services' favour was not only a fair score but was almost an understatement on the way the game went.

The Services kicked off and were soon attacking although the Club were able at this date to retaliate but their attempts were easily beaten by Gerard. The ball was shortly down on the Club's five-yard line and from the set scrum the Services were sent away beautifully for Harris to score near the corner flag. Once again Davidson converted and after only 18 minutes play the Club were losing by 16 points to nil.

JUST NOWHERE

The Club were just nowhere in all this. They lost the line-outs, they lost the scrums and the single exception of Douglas, and to a certain extent Forsgate and Kilvert, their forwards did not bring the ball forward to convert the kick, thus leaving the final score at 29 to 5.

The Club's 25-yard-line there was a set scrum and the Club won their first scrum. And all that happened was that the Services broke through and Balderton gathered and scored near the corner flag, leaving an awkward kick for Davidson who just failed to convert.

And in the last minutes of the game, to add insult to injury, the Club won one of their few line-outs and allowed the Services to smash through their line and Balderton, taking the ball, passed to Davidson who scored near the posts but failed to convert the kick, thus leaving the final score at 29 to 5.

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However the Club cleared and in the forwards, not only in his hooking in which he only allowed the Club to win once, but in his fast following up and forcing tackles.

The Club had Douglas in the forwards and he shone, compared even to the Services, in everything he did. Leader did quite well with the very poor service he got, and Throgrove could be seen jumping for the ball in the lineouts with Douglas. The rest were nowhere.

THE TEAMS

Combined Services: Crosbie, Harris, Gerard, Smith, Balderton, Brentford, Argyle, Daniel, Eve, Bell, Hall, Farthing, Jones, Davidson, Gunton.

Club: Henderson, Cole, Craig, Turville, Ewart, Ross, Leader, Barker, Fairquharson, Douglas, Petrie, Forsgate, Lambert.

Soccer Match Of The Century Today

London, Nov. 25.

Today's England-Hungary soccer match — a contest which is being described as "the match of the century" — is likely to be a battle of attack with the men with the most accurate shooting powers winning the struggle.

Both defences are thought able to cope under the terrible pressure which the skillful fast-moving attacks are capable of bearing on them.

England has the advantage of playing at home with a wonderful record behind them. Hungary is known to be one of the finest teams in Europe.

Walter Winterbottom, England's team manager, said today: "It could be a more memorable game than the FIFA match. The best that English football stands for should be seen in this game."

Sandor Bures, President of the Hungarian Football Association, said: "We know that your stars are as clever as ours. May the better team win the day."

Both teams had their final spells of training this morning. The Hungarians were out for an hour on the Fulham Club ground loosening up and practising shooting.

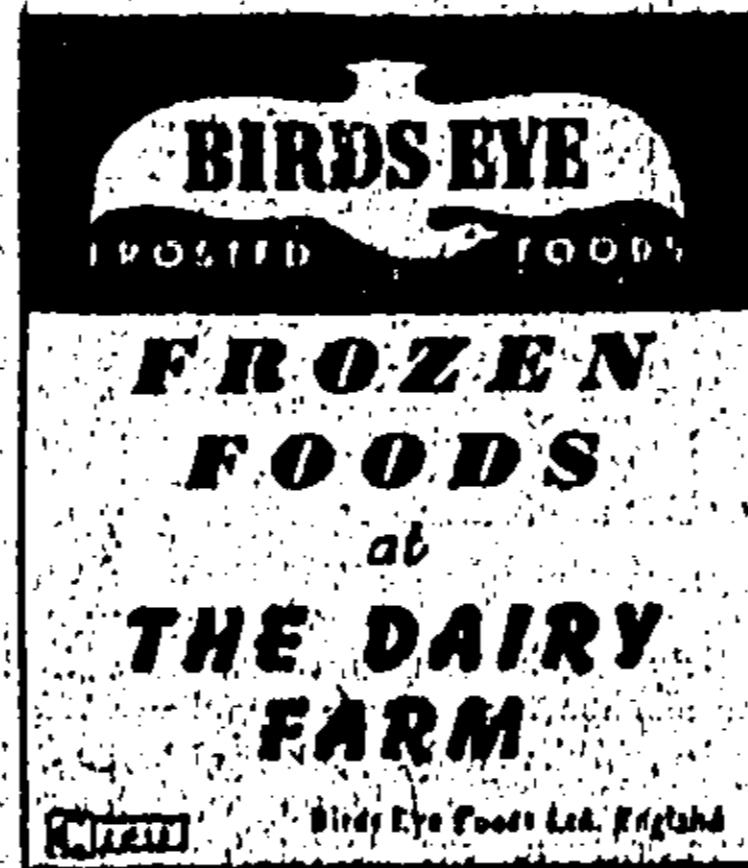
For England's professionals pecuniary reward in £100 win, lose or draw. For Hungary's amateurs it is nothing in cash but victory is almost sure to be marked by a gift of some kind.

MARCIANO MAY GIVE EXHIBITION IN HONGKONG

Mr Billy Tingle is trying to arrange for Rocky Marciano, world heavyweight boxing champion, to appear in an exhibition bout in the course of Marciano's tour of the Orient.

Marciano is scheduled to appear in a four-round exhibition in Manila on December 1, and Mr. Tingle is negotiating with the boxer's Manila agents regarding a visit by Marciano to the Colony.

If these negotiations are successful and if the local authorities will permit the holding of an exhibition bout, Marciano, who will be accompanied by his own sparring partner, will be seen in action here.



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Army Sports Parade

My first paragraph this week goes to the Army soccer players. It must be a long time since four Army players were selected to represent the Colony, the same time, with a fifth in the reserve selection.

This season the Army team has tried to play direct constructive football and while the accent has been on good team work the individual talent of the players has not been dimmed.

The Colony selectors have acknowledged the team's efforts by picking Granger, Wells, Nash and Bennett for the game against Djurgarden on Wednesday, December 2, while left-half Longland gets a place in the reserves.

Army sportsmen in general will be pleased by the honours conferred, but the RA, Dorsets, RASC, and REME will be particularly satisfied with the selection of their players.

Bennett has a great chance to make the centre-forward berth his own for the rest of the season... for the Colony team is badly in need of a goalscoring leader.

I was delighted to see that the big boxing show at the Southern Playground last night was such a success. The Army was strongly represented in the ring and in the managerial side of the promotion which was in aid of the Earl Haig Fund.

It was a grand night at the ringside with clever boxing, hard hitting and a fair ration of thrills. With all the talent that is available we really must have more shows of this class. I am sure that Army boxers will be keen to assist by taking part in good promotions.

Is this a record? In a minor cricket match the other day a fastidious batsman got himself run out! Incidentally, star bowler Dowling playing in the same match, had to be content with the humble figures of 2 for 32.

On Sunday, 72 LAA tackled a K.C.C. II at Kowloon and in an exciting match they lost by one wicket after knocking up 80 runs in first lease of the wicket. This was a most enjoyable game with plenty of action to keep everyone happy.

Here in response to requests is the up-to-date placing in the Minor Units League Zone 1, (up to and including games played on 18th Nov.)

	W	D	L	F	P
70 LT Bty, R.A.	3	2	1	0	13
RHQ 21 HAA	3	2	1	0	17
Byt, R.A.	2	2	0	0	5
Commd. Pay Office	2	2	0	0	5
R.E.M.E.	1	1	0	0	5
27 Coy, RAMC	3	2	0	11	11
50 Coy, RASC	2	1	1	0	6
HQ Sqd, Sqn (No. 1)	1	0	1	0	5
RHQ HAA Regt	1	0	1	0	3
Camp. HQPL	3	0	1	0	1
HQ Sqd, Sqn (No. 2)	1	0	1	0	1

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"MENTOK"	Genoa, London, Rotterdam, Amsterdam & Hamburg	20th Nov.	27th Nov.
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"CYCLOPS"	Liverpool & Dublin	23rd Dec.	24th Dec.
"AUTOLYCUS"	Genoa, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, London & Hamburg	22nd Dec.	24th Dec.

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

Arrives

Sails	Sails	Hong Kong	In Port H/Warf
Liverpool	Rotterdam	—	—
24th Nov.	—	—	—
30th Nov.	—	—	—
8th Dec.	—	—	—
14th Dec.	—	—	—
27th Dec.	—	—	—
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Hongkong, 24th November, 1953.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE NOVEMBER HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF VOTING MEMBERS will be held at the Club-House, Happy Valley, on Thursday, 28th November, 1953, at 6.45 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

By Order of the Stewards,
R. MISA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th Nov., 1953.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on THURSDAY, the 26th November, 1953, commencing at 10.30 a.m., to 12.30 p.m., and at 2.30 p.m., to 5 p.m., at

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Mr. Nixon and his wife were presented with bouquets by two winners of a beauty contest, "Miss Rangoon" and "Miss University", who wore colourful Burmese dresses and headgear.

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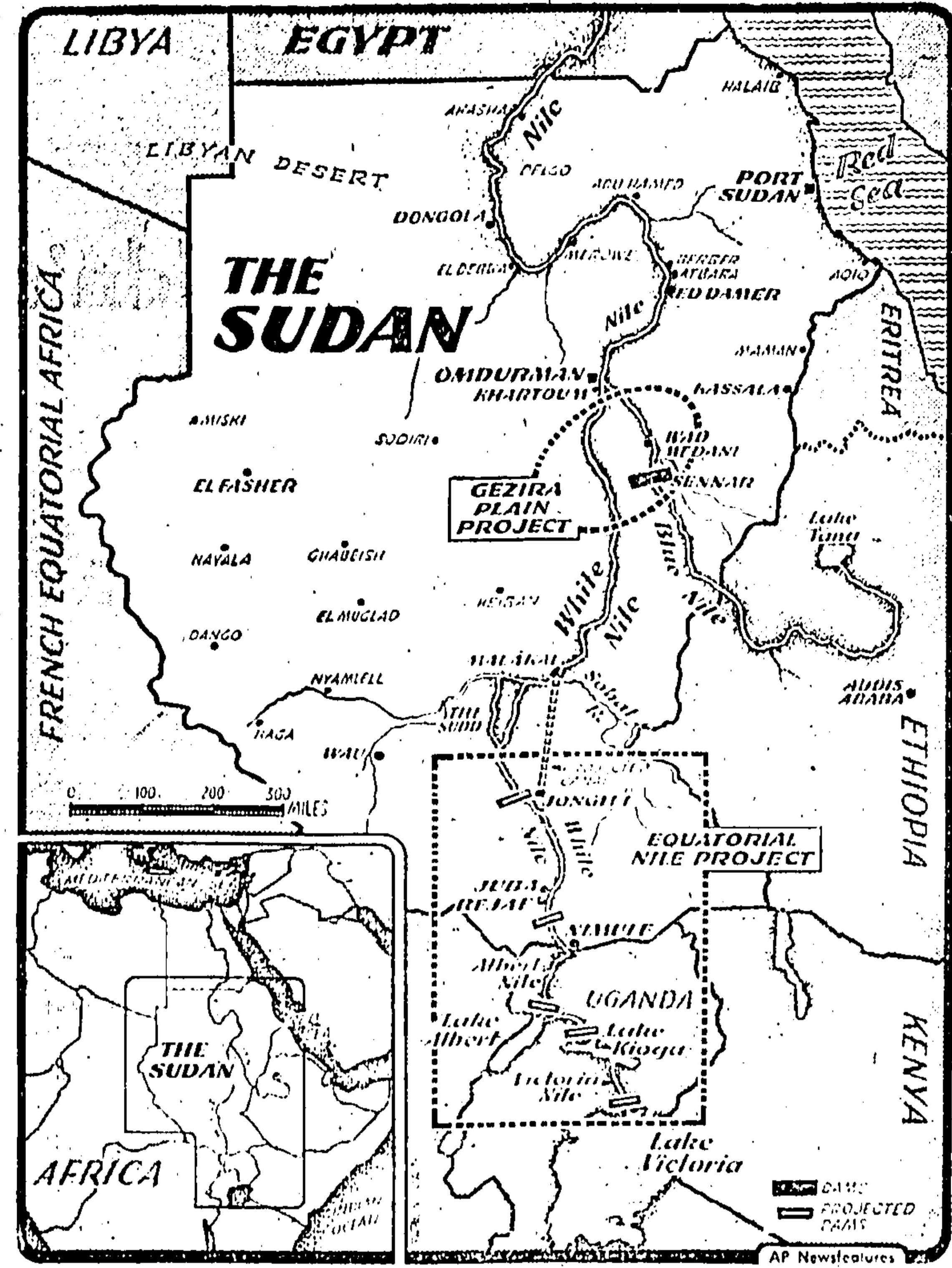
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The Sudan Takes First Steps Toward Freedom

By EDWARD POLIAK

Associated Press Foreign Correspondent

Cairo.

The Sudan is taking its first steps toward self-government. For the rest of this month and part of next, the Sudanese will be voting for their first real Parliament with power to override a veto by the governor-general.

Many illiterate tribesmen are voting for the first time. Their ballots are recorded by acclamation or by paper tokens marked with party symbols.

These "backward" areas are choosing an electoral college to name their delegates to the 97-member If se. The "more advanced" areas, where people can read and write, elect their representatives directly.

Following the House elections, there will be voting for a 30-member Senate. Only public office holders and those who can read and write will vote for the Senate.

In addition, 20 other senators will be appointed by the British Governor-General Sir Robert Howe.

These elections stem from an Anglo-Egyptian agreement last Feb. 12 which provides for the Sudan to attain full self-determination by 1955. The agreement provides that after three years of self-government by Parliament, the Sudanese may choose either full independence as a state or affiliation with neighbouring Egypt.

When time for that decision comes, Parliament is to call for election of a constituent assembly to make the choice.

For years, Egypt and Britain have been locked in a political and diplomatic battle—marked by outbreaks of bloody violence—over this one million square mile territory of the upper Nile.

LAND OF CONTRASTS

But now, with the solution at hand, with the recent Anglo-Egyptian agreement, attention is shifting to other aspects of this land in the heart of Africa.

The Sudan, in geography, climate, population and other characteristics, is a land of contrasts.

Within its boundaries are barren desert and teeming tropical jungles. It has mountains and plains, region swept by the terrible "changeen" desert wind, and tropical regions showered by seasonal rains.

Through the whole length of the Sudan flows the Nile, the big romantic river the ancients worshipped as a god. Out of Lakes Victoria and Albert, the river winds northward. It is the White Nile, joined at Khartoum by the Blue Nile, which rises in the mountains of Ethiopia.

The Sudan population is over 8,000,000. Around 5,000,000 live in central and northern Sudan. They are mostly Moslems of Arab culture with strong ties to the neighbouring southern provinces of Egypt.

In the south, there are around 3,000,000 tribesmen, mostly primitive.

Egyptians in the past claimed Britain gave the Sudan just enough progress to keep their colonial grip on the country.

Beamed Television Warning

London, Nov. 24.—Sponsored television programmes might be beamed into Britain from abroad within a few years while the British Government argue over the introduction of commercial television, Sir Robert Renwick, President of the Television Society, said today.

It was possible for a ring of commercial stations to be set up on the other side of the channel for broadcasting to Britain. What would the British Government do then? he asked.

Sir Robert Renwick said:

"Because in the long run this is a sensible country, nothing nonsensical will occur as legislation against foreign commercial reception. Long before

some of the octogenarian opponents of progress and good sense reach their 90th birthday, British commercial television will be in full swing to the detriment of none and to the benefit of all."

Earlier he listed the names of supporters of the motion to be debated in the House of Lords tomorrow criticising the Government's proposals for commercial television.

They are Viscount Simon (80), Lord Jowitt (68), Lord Brand (75), Lord Halifax (72), Lord Wavertree (71), Lord Samuel (83) and Lord Reith (64)—average 73.2, said Sir Robert—China Mail Special.

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Heldenberg, Nov. 25.—United States military staffs in Europe have ordered the traditional feast of turkey—more than a pound per person—and all the trimmings for tomorrow, Thanksgiving Day.

The Army Quartermaster Corps said troop mess halls were serving a menu including fresh shrimp cocktail; roast turkey; cornbread dressing, giblet gravy; buttered fresh peas; lettuce and tomato salad; hot rolls; fruit cake; pumpkin pie; assorted candy and mixed nuts. —China Mail Special.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

The Real Test On Spending Power Has Yet To Come

By SYDNEY S. CAMPBELL

London, Nov. 24.—There is some question whether markets have adequately discounted some recent developments. It remains to be seen, for example, whether it was wholly because of abnormally mild weather that October was the first month this year, and one of the very few months in any years, to have lower US oil consumption than in the corresponding year—earlier month; and whether mild weather is also a sufficient explanation for the lack of seasonal business in carpets, furnishings, textiles and footwear. None of these lines has been doing much good in the US lately. Wall Street doesn't care. It put rayon shares up on the boost in some rayon yarn prices, though the rayon weavers regard the advances as little more than a stunt, designed to give a psychological lift to the worst market position since early last year, with demand so bad that at least one of the leading rayon producers is concentrating its output into its most efficient plants.

There is also a question whether people may not have over-rated static historical comparisons, which are good, and paid too little attention to the more up-to-date trends which are less good.

For the calendar year 1953 almost every index of US business will come out higher than for the calendar year 1952. But the dynamic comparison is that 1952 ended with the indexes high and rising, while 1953 is ending with them lower, and with inventories and spending power.

At the moment, most of the 1953 curves are just about crossing the 1952 curves, but on the down instead of on the up. Uncourageously for the non-dollar countries, this may also be the form for US imports.

Their 1953 total will be higher than 1952. But the biggest gain was in the second quarter. In the third quarter the gain was smaller, despite some bunching of September imports to forestall the New York dock strike. This quarter, the New York banks' figures of letters of credit indicate that the gain will decrease further, or perhaps disappear.

In one week this month the seasonal rise in business loans of New York City banks was \$2 million, against \$102 million a year ago; in the past five weeks it has been \$32 million, against \$300 million a year ago.

The liquidity of business which obviates the need for bank borrowing may be more auspicious for Wall Street than for physical business, inventories and commodities. Up to five weeks ago, inventories were still rising though involuntarily; in September they rose by an unanticipated \$600 million because sales fell by \$700 million. Since the end of September industry seems to have got liquid by slashing its inventories, by cutting output if necessary.

SEASONAL PATTERNS

Seasonal patterns of business loans are thought to have been broken out by the heavy borrowings of last spring, which took the autumn expansion in advance; and by the Mills Plan, which bunches a sharply rising proportion of the Treasury's tax revenues and of companies' tax payments into the first half of the calendar year. But last spring's "borrowing" of autumn loans may have borrowed some autumn business too, and the Mills Plan, may have distorted more than seasonal financial patterns.

Regardless of tax rates and of budget position for the year as a whole, July-December is the initiation half-year of budget deficit, and January-June is the deflationary half-year of budget surplus. It has been suggested that this present half-year is the difficult one, and that January-June will be brighter, because cuts in defence outlays have been cutting spending power while the tax cuts to put it back again are still to come.

But now comes the Pentagon's Budget Director to say that defence outlays are still rising but will begin to turn down in December. He emphasises that the downturn will be very gradual, "just like starting down the other side of a hill." His boss, Defence Secretary Wilson, asserts that no drastic changes in defence outlays are being planned, and flatly denies rumours that they will be cut to such a point as will adversely affect business.

The project also aims at preventing loss of Nile water as the river winds through the Sudd. It has been estimated that half of the water now is dispersed and lost in swamps.

The plan is to bypass the Sudd swamps by a diversion channel, and to improve the river channel between Juba and Jonglei.

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During this half-year defence outlays have evidently been rising; if the crest comes in December, that might be the highest average month. During the first half of next year, they are due to fall progressively; some observers think that by next June the fall may have reached \$7 billion a year.

HK The Main Supplier

London, Nov. 20.—Figures given to the House of Commons today by Mr Peter Thorneycroft, the President of the Board of Trade, show that virtually all the umbrellas and sunshades imported into the United Kingdom are from Hongkong.

In the seven months from March to September this year, the UK imported 10,446 dozen umbrellas and sunshades from Hongkong, valued at £16,000, against only 12 dozen, valued at £414, from all other countries.

United Kingdom exports of umbrellas during the same period were 19,352 dozen, valued at £170,244.

Mr Thorneycroft gave these figures in answer to a question put to him by Mr R. W. Sorenson (Socialist).

An umbrella manufacturer in Mr Sorenson's East London constituency has complained about competition from imported Hongkong umbrellas. —Our Own Correspondent.

Pakistan's Textile Deal With Japan

Karachi, Nov. 24.—Pakistan's Textile Commissioner, Mr M. A. Khan, said today that Pakistan intends to fulfil its trade agreement with Japan.

The Commissioner was answering traders' criticisms of the Government's announced plan to import Rs 40,000,000 of cotton textiles from Japan and other sterling area countries on Government account.

He said that the Government had come to the decision as a temporary measure to meet the cloth shortage emergency in Pakistan.

Government decided to act directly the shortage was felt to enable faster receipt and distribution of stocks in the country and also to prevent speculation.

The Government was trying to ensure that the consumer got cloth at a reasonable price.

Mr Khan said that the "bulk" of the Rs 40,000,000 purchase would come from Japan and denied that the decision to import directly was connected with Pakistan's fulfilment of the Japan-Pakistan agreement while admitting that it effectively contributed in this direction.

"We have an agreement with Japan and we intend to fulfil it," he said.

The Commissioner said that the Government cloth purchase would be made through exporting representatives in Karachi, indicating that some purchases already had been made but he refused to disclose the amount pending finalisation of negotiations for the purchases.

He had hopes of complete delivery of the full amount within three months. The expected total is between 60,000,000 to 70,000,000 yards.

He said that there would be further imports of cotton textiles in addition to the Rs 40,000,000 purchase but he declined to say what the amount and the shipping period is. —United Press.

Japan After New World Market

London, Nov. 19.—Japan will soon be a strong competitor for world bicycle markets.

This warning has been given by Sir Harold Bowden, chairman of Raleigh Industries, which produces a million and a quarter bicycles a year, most of them for export.

Addressing Raleigh representatives from all over the world at a cycle show in London, Sir Harold spoke for the increasing efficiency of Japanese industry.

He recalled how, in 1935, he had bought a beautiful Japanese bicycle for 30s. But when it was tested and analysed at a Raleigh factory was found to be rubbish.

"Today," Sir Harold continued, "Japan's quality of workmanship is improving and we must consider her in the near future as a competitor of considerable strength."

But though it is concerned at the growth of foreign competition in addition to the Rs 40,000,000 purchase but he declined to say what the amount and the shipping period is. —United Press.

New York

Cotton Market

New York, Nov. 24.—Prices of cotton futures today closed as follows:

Spot	33.65 nominal
December	33.60 37
March (1954)	33.45-48
May	33.30-34
July	33.30-34
October	32.50
December	32.65
March (1955)	32.65 bid
May	32.65

United Press.

NEW ORLEANS PRICES

New Orleans, Nov. 24.—Prices of cotton futures today closed as follows:

Spot	32.70 nominal
December	32.13
March (1954)	33.40
May	33.01-02
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**JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK**

Old Timer

In every advance that science and technology, going hand-in-hand make, there is someone gets hurt. Some old character as a rule, who cannot or will not be bothered to keep pace.

"All right," the oldster seem to say, "they never used to do that way. You carry on, lad, I'm quitting." The old man creeps away and pockets his skill with his pride, neither seeming to be wanted.

Such a one Sam looked. He hobbled plumply into the dock at the Clerkenwell court, and the bright lights bounced off his old bald head, and the gaoler helped him up the two steps into the dock, because he seemed so frail, so old.

"Guilty," he said, to the charge of smashing glass priced at 16s. in an office of the National Assistance Board.

HE SPOKE FAIR

A POLICEMAN went into the witness-box to tell Mr T. F. Davies, the magistrate, details of Sam's crime.

Sam had stumped round to the National Assistance Board's office and taken his place in the sad queue of those who urgently wanted help. He had reached the head of the queue, made his predicament known and been told: "Sorry, can't give you anything today."

At that, Sam slipped the worn old shoe from his right foot, and started to belabour the office's glass partitions with it.

"Quite right, he's spoke very fair," said Sam, when the officer had finished his evidence. He fiddled with the white scarf, knotted choker fashion round his neck, and adjusted the set of the spectacles he wore, upon his nose.

ANYTHING KNOWN?

HE looked very frail, standing there in the dock. As if he felt himself London's most persecuted man, and found the role not entirely disagreeable.

"Anything known?" the magistrate asked.

You hardly expected Sam to have done much wrong, he seemed so frail and helpless.

"There are two previous convictions," said the officer in charge of the case. "In 1927, he was bound over at Tower Bridge Court for malicious damage. In 1949, he was sentenced to seven days at the same court, for breaking a plate-glass window—I understand that was a Public Assistance window, too."

JOBS PAST

SAM mouthed a silent comment on what the officer said, as very old men do, who do not trust their voices, nor expect to be given a hearing. Very old men?

"He's 50 years old and single," the officer went on, at which everyone took a new look full of unease, at Sam. It was hard to think he was under 60.

"He says" the officer went on, "that until a few weeks ago, he had a living-in job at a lodging-house, and held it for 13 weeks. Before that, he says, he had a number of jobs that he held for several months at a time, but he's very uncertain about them. I have made inquiries and I find that the reason he couldn't be given assistance on this occasion was that he had not signed on seven days clear before."

THE MONTH TO COME

"THANK you," the magistrate said, and the officer stood down. Mr Davies turned to Sam and asked what he wished to say.

"I've nothing at all to say," Sam said.

"Well, I'm not going to have this sort of thing happening just because you're disgruntled," the magistrate said. "You must go to prison for a month."

Sam hobbled out, the oldest 50-year-old in the kingdom, who made the octogenarians who come to court seem like boys for their vivacity and sparkle.

CHINDITS TO HOLD MEETING

A general meeting of the Hongkong Branch of the Chindit Association will take place on Monday at 8.30 p.m. in the NAAFI, Chatham Road, Kowloon.

In view of the local association's attempt to expand its organisation, it is of paramount importance that all ex-Chindits in the Colony should attend this important meeting.

Questions On Hongkong

London, Nov. 25. Two questions concerning policy in Hongkong will be put to Mr Oliver Lyttelton, the Colonial Secretary, in the House of Commons to-day.

The first has been tabled by Mr John Rankin, the Socialists, who is to ask what reply the Colonial Secretary has given to 12,000 Hongkong residents, urging the creation of two elected unofficial seals on the Legislative Council.

The second question, to be asked by Mr S. T. Swiniger, Socialist, calls for a statement from the Colonial Secretary on the effects on the Colony's economic position of the embargo on trade in strategic goods with China. Mr Swiniger also wants to know what report on the subject Mr Lyttelton has received from the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham.—Our Own Correspondent.

FAILED TO REPORT

For failing to report to the Marine Department the change of the ownership of a 97-passenger boat, its purchaser, Chang Chuen, 33, and its vendor, Chan Wu, 49, were each fined \$25 by Mr A. G. Parker at the Marine Court this morning.

Sub-Inspect K. T. Wong, prosecuting, said Assistant Marine Officer F. J. A. Brown was on patrol duty in Marine Launch No. 3 on the western side of the harbour on Monday morning.

He boarded Chang's vessel, and on investigation, discovered that Chang had purchased the boat from Chan on June 15, 1949. But the name of the owner was still in the licence book was still that of the second defendant.

In mitigation, both defendants said that they were illiterate and ignorant.

US Hospital Ship Here

The United States hospital ship *Repose* entered port this morning on a recreational visit.

She is commanded by Captain J. M. Wyckoff and is moored at buoy A10.

This is the *Repose's* second visit to Hongkong since the last war. She was the ship that brought here many British sailors wounded in the shelling by short batteries in the Yangtze during the Communist advance in April, 1949.

Of 11,000 displacement tons, the *Repose* is a completely self-contained hospital, providing every facility that the most up-to-date shore establishment could give. She is manned by a staff of more than 550 including many doctors and nurses who are all commissioned officers of the United States Navy.

CUGAT GOING TO MACAO

Macao, Nov. 25. Arrangements have been made for Xavier Cugat and his troupe to come here and give a "hill and run" performance at the Ching Ping Theatre on November 29 at 2 p.m.

To enable Xavier Cugat to come here the Macao-Hongkong run ship *Takshing* will have to change her scheduled timetable so as to permit the troupe to fulfil its engagements in Hongkong.

The *Takshing* will leave Hongkong at 3.30 a.m. on November 29 and will return from here at 5 p.m. on the same day.—France Presse.

Radio Hongkong

H.I.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.03, Lucky Dip-Variety Requête presented by Marguerite (Studio); 6.52, Weather Report; 7.15, Time Signal; 7.16, News and United Nations Report (London Relay); 7.19, BBC Radio, London, Report of the Week—The BBC Orchestra of the Week; 7.45, Letter from America (London Relay); 8. Echoes of the Theatre; 8.30, Piano Recital by Caroline Braga (Studio); 9. Time Signal; 10.15, Weather Report; 10.25, Broadcast Recorded Comedy by Audrey Russell (Recorded London Relay); 10.35, Animal Farm—A Fairy Story (Recorded London Relay); 10.45, One Night Stand—Ted Heath and his Music; 10.55, Weather Report; 11.05, Broadcast Recorded London Relay; 11.15, Goodnight Music; God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close down.

Governor Pays Visit To Camp

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, GCMG, visited members of the Special Constabulary this morning, at their annual camp at the Police Training School, Aberdeenshire.

He was escorted to the camp by the Commissioner of Police, Mr A. C. Maxwell, and was met there by Mr E. Tyree, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Headquarters, the Hon. M. W. Turner, Commander-in-Chief, Special Constabulary, Mr E. C. Van Helden, Deputy Commandant, Special Constabulary and Mr J. A. White, Staff Officer Auxiliaries.

The Governor first inspected two classes, where lectures were given to a number of constables. He then went into the playing field, and watched self-combat and marching drills. Next, he went to the Parade Ground, and there saw a group of constables undergoing sten-gun practice.

His Excellency then proceeded to another part of the Parade Ground and inspected a company of Chinese constables. The visit concluded with the Governor taking part in the shooting practice at the revolver range, with some of the European recruits, hitting the target with four out of six shots.

\$5,100 In Fines For Dope Offences

Liu Ping, 44, unemployed of an unnumbered hut, Aplichiu, the keeper of what the Police termed "large scale" heroin divan, was fined a total of \$5,100 or 17 months and two weeks' hard labour by Mr Hin-sing Lo at Central this morning, when he pleaded guilty to the offence and to three other charges of possession of 21 heroin pipes, possession of 52 heroin pills and smoking heroin in a divan.

Four others, Ng Fuk, 41, Lal Keung, 17, Leung Sing-yiu, 32, and Ho Chuen, 30, were fined \$150 or six weeks when they pleaded guilty to smoking opium in the divan at an unnumbered hut in Aplichiu.

Inspector W. E. B. Howell prosecuted.

Recital By Maurice Clare

Maurice Clare, the well-known violinist, made a welcome first appearance last night at the Lee Theatre, where he presented a well-rounded programme of both classical and modern music to a grateful audience.

Mr Clare has, for some years now, been the leader of the Boyd Neo Orchestra, but he is also a popular soloist, particularly in New Zealand, where he was responsible for forming and conducting the National String Orchestra.

Representative works by Handel, Bach, Beethoven, Schumann, Brahms, Dvorak and Stravinsky were played with the masterly technique, tone control and lyrical quality that one would expect from such a distinguished performer. I personally found his work more moving for its competency than its emotional quality. However for this noble proscenium, whereupon Mr Justice Scholes said he did not know if he had any power to give any such direction.

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